

Sinclair Broadcasting has achieved a new low in political bias and blatant manipulation. Their decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The public interest is not served when large companies control the airwaves, broadcasting more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. In fact, this is a prime example of how corporate control INTERFERES with democracy. I want to see real people from my own communities as well as more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.